

Senate Resolution 931

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, for its outstanding service to the State
2 of Georgia and commending them on their selection to host the 2008 National Prep
3 Wheelchair Basketball Tournament; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, advances the lives of youth and adults
5 with physical disabilities through sports and healthy lifestyles by providing community based
6 sports, recreation, and physical activity programs for children and adults with physical
7 disabilities and visual impairment; and

8 WHEREAS, this fine organization serves children and adults with spinal cord injury, spinal
9 bifida, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, muscular dystrophy, amputation, or visual
10 impairment or blindness as well as other physical disabilities and works to ensure that the
11 quality, diversity, and availability of these activities shall be equivalent to those afforded to
12 youth and adults without disability; and

13 WHEREAS, this dedicated group continues to be the standard of excellence and the leading
14 community provider of high-quality sport and physical activities for Georgians with physical
15 disabilities, and their programs and services encourage healthy lifestyles, foster independence
16 and inclusion, and promote personal empowerment throughout each individual's lifespan;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, by nurturing physical, psychological, and social well-being of children, youth,
19 and adults, BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, actively promotes inclusion and personal
20 development; and

21 WHEREAS, its community focus helps young people discover their full potential, embrace
22 their individuality, and identify their unique capabilities and utilizes adults with physical
23 disabilities as mentors and role models; and

1 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, has continually promoted equality,
2 visibility, and positive perception of people with physical disability through sports; and

3 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, directly provides teams, camps,
4 clinics, and technical assistance in Georgia and serves as the local organizing committee for
5 local, regional, and national competitions; and

6 WHEREAS, BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, has been selected by the Junior
7 Division of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association to host the 2008 National Prep
8 Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on February 22-24, 2008, at Kennesaw State University,
9 in Kennesaw, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2008 National Prep Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will bring together
11 the top 16 teams in the 13 and under age division of the National Wheelchair Basketball
12 Association to compete for the national championship; and

13 WHEREAS, the 2008 National Prep Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will hold a training
14 seminar for basketball officials to educate the attendees on the rule differences of wheelchair
15 basketball and successful completion of this course will result in certification as a National
16 Wheelchair Basketball Association Official.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Senate that this body recognizes and
18 commends BlazeSports America, Georgia Division, for exemplary public service to children,
19 youth, and adults with physical disabilities and expresses gratitude for its leadership in
20 encouraging healthy lifestyles, fostering independence and inclusion, and promoting
21 empowerment among disabled and visually impaired persons in the State of Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to BlazeSports America, Georgia Division.